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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mitchell R. Dorfman et al

Filed: December 7, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No: 10/008,894 Examiner: Christopher A. Fiorilla

For: **PRE-ALLOYED STABILIZED ZIRCONIA POWDER AND IMPROVED THERMAL**

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Siri:

In response to office action dated October 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE.

Please replace the current title with the following: -- METHOD OF PRODUCING A PRE-
ALLOYED STABILIZED ZIRCONIA POWDER --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the current claims with the complete set of amended claims below:

1. (Amended) A method of producing a pre-alloyed stabilized zirconia powder comprising the steps of: